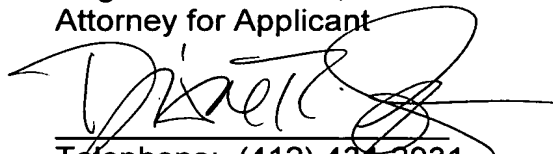


REMARKS

Claims 25-29 are presently pending in this application; examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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